

NEW YORK FARM ^{TO} SCHOOL SUMMIT 2026

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MONDAY 2/23

- Field Trips: Betterbee (1pm), Mapleland Farms (1pm), North Colonie CSD (1:30pm), and BelGioioso (1pm)
- Welcome Reception: 5-7pm at the Saratoga Hilton

TUESDAY 2/24

- 7:30-8:15 Breakfast and Registration
- 9:15-9:30 Welcome Remarks and Keynote Speaker
- 9:45-11 Session #1
- 11:15-12:30 Session #2
- 12:30-1:45 Lunch and Remarks
- 2-3:15 Session #3
- 3:30-4:45 Lightning Talks

WEDNESDAY 2/25

- 7:30-8 Breakfast
- 8-8:30 Remarks
- 8:30-9:45 General Session
- 10-11:30 Session #4
- 11:30-2:30 Trade Floor, Education Expo, and Lunch



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SFA TRACK:

Workshops: The Journey of a Farm to School Recipe: From Concept to Cafeteria; Designing Menus That Make Scratch Cooking Work; Phasing in Farm to School; Collaborative Bid Development; NY30%; Cost Savings with Scratch Cooking

Lightning Talks: Baking: How to Make it Approachable for Schools; How to Serve Multi-Component Foods; Food Buying Guide Tips & Tricks

PRODUCER TRACK:

Workshops: Producer Panel: How to Enter the School Food Market; Collaborative Bid Development; A Day in the Life of Logistics; Understanding School Food Paperwork

Lightning Talks: Listening First, Building Second: A Lean Approach to School-Led Product Development; How Farm to School has Changed your Business; NY Grown & Certified

EDUCATOR TRACK:

Workshops: Building Success Starts from the Ground Up: Art and Science of Soil in the Classroom; Planting Solutions: How Schools Can Grow and Use Gardens Effectively; Urban Agriculture Champions

Lightning Talks: Food For Thought: Nutritional Science & Biology Through the Lens of Food and Agriculture; Farm to School, Your Way! Making Farm to School Work for Your Individual District!

VILLAGE TRACK:

Workshops: The Power of Partnership: Connecting Farmers, Schools, and Partners for Lasting Impact; Real Food, Real Roots: Building Place-Based, Real Food and Taste Education in Rural Communities

Lightning Talks: Building a Healthier Generation Through Nutrition and Farm to School. It takes a Community; New York State Harvest of the Month; Regional Roots: Culinary Trainings to Enhance School Meal with Local Foods.

